



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm. The roll was called and all Councilmembers were present.

- 1. ~~Transition Commission’s Naming Sub-Committee~~
Peoples Campaign Branding Committee.**

Mr. Harold Reid began the presentation by offering an overview, preface and primary goals of this effort. In determining a Branding Methodology and Naming the City, the Committee identified a need to first develop vision and mission statements. At this time, Mr. Reid presented two options as developed by the Committee.

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Then, Mr. Reid introduced Mr. Rick Washington who began by giving an overview, process and the methodology used by the Committee for creating a short list of names for the City, thereby beginning the Branding of the City.

- 2. Presentation by American Medical Response (AMR) regarding Ambulance Services.**

Mr. Xavier Jones introduced himself as one of the officers for AMR and indicated that his manager had a state of emergency and needed to reschedule his presentation. He then offered the opportunity to answer a few questions. Mayor Edwards expressed his disappointment with attempting to receive a proper presentation regarding ambulance services within the City. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Jones, but declined to hear anything further from Mr. Jones, given his lack of knowledge regarding questions or information needed to properly brief Council.

- 3. Update on Strategic Planning & Budget Workshop processes.**

Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones gave a presentation regarding the Budget Process for the 2018 Budget, including the process, applicable laws and a timeline/calendar.

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to conduct/develop a one-day Strategic Planning Session (Retreat), as soon as possible to complete their work started on June 21, 2017 (Mission, Vision and Strategic Priorities) within a day. The motion passed unanimously. [PASSED]**
 - b. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to hold the Budget Work Sessions with presentations from the subcommittees and departments beginning at 3pm and ending at 9pm. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember khalid to hold Work Sessions on 8/2/2017 and 8/3/2017 from 8am to 5pm, allowing Council to present/interject their priorities and responses, after hearing the presentations. The friendly amendment was not accepted. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, and Councilmembers Gumbs and Willis voted yea. Councilmembers**
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Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, and Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion failed for a lack of four votes. [FAILED]

- c. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to adopt his outline/proposal (as disseminated) and find a way to incorporate it during the 8/2/2017 and 8/3/2017 presentations, to be used in conjunction with what the City Manager has presented. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, and Councilmembers Gumbs and Willis voted no. [PASSED]**
- d. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember khalid to hold a Strategic Planning session on next Wednesday (7/26/2017) from 8:30am to noon. The motion passed unanimously. [PASSED]**
- e. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to hold the second Budget Work Session on 8/3/2017, starting at 3pm and ending at 9pm. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Councilmember Baker voted no. [PASSED]**
- f. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to hold the first Budget Work Session on 8/2/2017, to begin at 3pm. Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid and Baker voted no. [PASSED]**

Councilmember khalid requested a list/timeline for the length of time that it will take to hear the necessary presentations.

Mayor Edwards urged Council to adhere strictly to the allotted times.

4. City Attorney's proposal to establish an internal Protocol (Best Practices).

Interim City Attorney Josh Belinfante presented a draft proposal for how best to utilize the City Attorney to ensure that Council gets what they need and to receive it in a timely fashion, as distributed and titled City Attorney Policy and Guidelines. At the end of his presentation, he answered questions and indicated that there is merit in having an attorney representative available at

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City Hall for a set number of hours, whether that individual is employed by his firm or is an official employee of the City.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

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